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Former Mexico City police officer wanted on rape charges

CHICAGO—A 34-year-old former Mexico City police officer wanted in Mexico for allegedly committing a rape was arrested late Wednesday by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers.

Gabriel Alejandro Hernandez-Del Valle, an illegal alien, had fled Mexico and was living in suburban Glendale Heights.

He is wanted by Mexican authorities for allegedly raping a woman while he was employed as a police officer in Mexico City approximately 10 years ago.

ICE agents received information from the Attorney
General of Mexico that Hernandez-Del Valle was possibly residing in the Chicago area.



"This arrest is an excellent example of how a unified approach to law enforcement works internationally," said Elissa A. Brown, special agent-in-charge of the Chicago ICE office. "ICE agents remain committed to ridding our communities of violent criminals who threaten the public safety and have no right to remain in this country."

Hernandez-Del Valle was placed on a morning flight back to Mexico today, where he will be turned over to Mexican authorities

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Chicago ICE officers deported 6,077 criminal and illegal aliens living in the agency's Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Kansas operational area in fiscal year 2004. This 24 percent increase in removals over the previous year reflects the national trend of increased deportations as ICE pursues its objective of restoring integrity to the nation's immigration system.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security.